

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING  
ROBERT AND MARY ANN  
HENDERSHOT

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 21, 2004*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker,

Whereas, Robert and Mary Ann Hendershot are devoted parishioners of the Antrim United Methodist Church;

Whereas, Robert and Mary Ann have been acknowledged by the Antrim United Methodist Church for 72 years of good attendance;

Whereas, Robert and Mary Ann should be commended for their excellence, for their devotion to God, and for their ongoing dedication to both their Church and their fellow parishioners; and

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in honoring and congratulating Robert and Mary Ann for this outstanding accomplishment.

IN HONOR OF NANCY BASTIDAS

**HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE**

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 21, 2004*

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize the achievements of Nancy Bastidas upon her selection as the Girls Inc. "Strong, Smart and Bold Award Winner" in Delaware.

Girls Inc. is a nonprofit youth organization dedicated to inspiring our nation's young women to reach their goals. On this, its 50th Anniversary, I take great pride in honoring Girls Inc. and the wonderful young Delawareans who have achieved success through the guidance of this special program.

Ms. Bastidas is the founder, chairman, and chief executive officer of Delaware Hispanic, LLC. Throughout the years, she has worked to better the lives of young women by focusing on our Hispanic community. She is the founder of Delaware's first Hispanic Internet Magazine and the Delaware Latino Political Action Committee, and she is the publisher of the Delaware Hispanic Yellow Pages and the Delaware Hispanic Guide to Government. In addition, Ms. Bastidas is the owner of a small business and is working to obtaining her college degree, all while serving as wonderful inspiration to young women.

Mr. Speaker, I commend and congratulate Ms. Bastidas and Girls Inc. for their dedication to improving and enhancing the lives of women. Ms. Bastidas' involvement with Girls Inc. and her selflessness serves as an example to us all. She is an inspiring and exemplary Delawarean.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT,  
2005

SPEECH OF

**HON. JOE BACA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 18, 2004*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4567) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes:

Mr. BACA. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of the Roybal-Allard amendment to the Homeland Security Appropriations bill. This amendment stops the privatization of nearly 1,500 employees that are critical to our Nation's security.

The American people depend on these federal employees to process, investigate, and adjudicate applications for immigration rights and benefits in a timely and thorough manner. They also weed out frivolous and fraudulent applications and identify criminals and terrorists attempting to abuse the process. These federal employees perform background checks and search classified databases to investigate people that want to enter our country.

Why do we want an unaccountable and low-bid contractor to have the power to allow another 9–11 by cutting corners or not reading all the background? We cannot allow the profit margin to exist in our commitment to homeland security! Why did we federalize airport security if we are going to fire the federal employees that prevent terrorists from getting into our country?

Another important reason why we need to stop privatization of these employees is because immigrants and their families depend on them to navigate through the complex maze of immigration laws and regulations. Immigration Information Officers, for instance, are the last remaining federal employees that help immigrants with legal advice. The toll free phone line, since it was privatized, has simply become a phone line that reads out internet based information. It would be hypocritical to punish immigrants for minor mistakes in their immigration, but deny them the legal advice necessary to comply with the law.

For the security of our Nation and to ensure immigrants get sound legal assistance, we must prevent the privatization of Immigration Information Officers, Contract Representatives, and Investigative Analysts.

I urge my colleagues to support the Roybal-Allard amendment.

A SALUTE TO MEDAL OF HONOR  
RECIPIENT WESLEY FOX

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 21, 2004*

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure today to recognize the outstanding service of Colonel Wesley Fox, USMC (retired), of Front Royal, Virginia. Colonel Fox was one of only five Marines to receive the Medal of Honor for their valiant heroism during Operation Dewey Canyon in Vietnam and he was the only one who survived to wear it. A bronze plaque will be placed in the Warren County Courthouse on July 7 honoring Colonel Fox.

Raised in Front Royal with ambitions toward farming, Colonel Fox followed his cousins into the armed services at the onset of the Korean War. At the age of 18 he was thrust into intense fighting after only five months in the U.S. Marine Corps. Just nine months later, he was carried off the field of battle due to wounds that would alter his life plan. He would remain in the Marine Corps and over the following 16 years he worked his way through all the enlisted ranks to first sergeant.

Instead of taking the more conventional path of retirement, Colonel Fox chose to begin the climb through the officers' ranks. His tour of duty took him again to the battlefield of Vietnam as a first lieutenant. In Operation Dewey Canyon he led his 1st Battalion 9th Marines, called the "Walking Dead." Despite losing three quarters of his men and receiving several wounds, Colonel Fox continued to valiantly lead his troops. By the end of the war he would be awarded the Medal of Honor by President Nixon and would rise to the rank of captain.

Forced to retire at age 62 after an unprecedented 43 years of service, Colonel Fox continued to serve his country working with the Corps of Cadets at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He had the unique distinction of working his way through every rank from private to colonel. Colonel Fox is a member of the United States Marine Corps Hall of Heroes.

Front Royal has the distinction of being the only town in the United States that has produced two Medal of Honor recipients. It is my honor and privilege to salute Colonel Fox and extend gratitude and congratulations to him as our country did 33 years ago with our Nation's highest award for military heroism. We say to him, "Semper Paratus!"

A PROCLAMATION THANKING SPECIALIST FIRST CLASS LORI ANN  
PIESTEWA FOR HER SERVICE TO  
OUR COUNTRY

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

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*Monday, June 21, 2004*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Mr. RENZI and myself hereby offer our heartfelt condolences to

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